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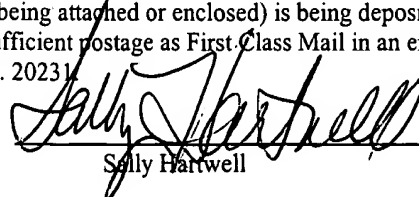
In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed January 12, 2001, Applicants assert that a properly signed oath or declaration has already been timely filed along with Applicant's response to Missing Parts filed on December 27, 2000. Applicants have attached, as **Exhibit A**, a copy of the postcard, Transmittal of Missing Parts, Notice to File Missing Parts, Assignment, Power of Attorney, and Declaration as were filed on December 27, 2000. Accordingly, because the Declaration was included in the response to Missing Parts, Applicants assert that the Declaration was timely filed and no extension fee is due.

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If, however, it is concluded that Applicants did not timely file the Declaration, Applicants request entry of the Declaration included in Exhibit A. Authorization is given to debit any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) from Lyon & Lyon LLP Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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